

Application No. 10/791,728

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Formal drawings of Figures 1 and 2 are being submitted as required by the Examiner. A Letter to the Official Draftsperson accompanies the attached figures.

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Slater et al. (U.S. 2002/0172471A1). Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slater et al. in view of Keller et al. (U.S. 4,761,191). Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Drawings

Formal drawings of Figures 1 and 2 are attached as required by the Examiner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.81(c). A Letter to the Official Draftsperson accompanies the attached figures.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to provide proper antecedent basis in the specification for Figures 1 and 2. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-2 and 4-7 and has amended claim 2 of this application. It is believed that amended claim 3 specifically sets forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 3 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant's amended claim 3 comprises a combination of original claims 1 and 3, thus redrafting claim 3 in independent form. In the absence of any art cited against Applicant's original claim 3, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of cited prior art references is necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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